

*Certificate in*  
**BEREAVEMENT  
MINISTRY**

**What are the requirements?**

The Certificate requires successful completion of at least 240 clock hours of course work taken for credit and a 30-hour practicum.

**What do studies entail?**

Students must attend classes, complete reading and assignments, participate in discussion, and take exams for a grade of “C–” or better, or earn a “Pass.”

**How much does it cost?**

Tuition runs from \$35 to \$75, depending on length of course. Discounts are available for auditors and groups of four or more. Cost of books is extra for each course.

**When and where are courses offered?**

Courses are held primarily in the evening, year-round, at parish and diocesan sites. Schedules and registration are online.

**How long does it take to complete the certificate?**

Taking one course at a time, one evening per week, requires approximately three years. Certificate-seekers also may go at their own pace, taking fewer courses per year and longer to finish.

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## Whom will the certificate benefit?

It can be useful to those who plan vigils, funerals and coordinate support for the bereaved in parishes.

## What courses do I need?

Completion of the Certificate requires at least 265 clock hours taken for credit via the following Institute courses:

### CORE COURSES

- C100** Basic Elements of Catholicism (20 hrs)
- C110** Catechism of the Catholic Church (15 hrs)
- C120** Local Church (15 hrs)
- C210** Introduction to Old Testament (30 hrs)
- C220** Introduction to New Testament (30 hrs)

### GENERAL COURSES

- G130** Christology (30 hrs)
- G140** Ecclesiology (30 hrs)
- G150** Liturgy and Sacraments (30 hrs)

### SPECIAL COURSES

- S200** Sacraments of Initiation (15 hrs)
- S215** Sacraments of Healing and Vocation (15 hrs)
- S770** The Order of Christian Funerals (10 hrs)
- S775** Introduction to Bereavement Ministry (15 hrs)
- S1020** Pastoral Care and Counseling (15 hrs)

### ELECTIVES:

*Choose two (2) from: **G200, S840** or **S1080***

*(Candidates may transfer up to 90 clock hours of equivalent courses from other institutions.)*

## How do I arrange to complete the practicum?

A supervised practicum of 30 hours must be completed under the direction of the diocesan Office for Liturgy and Spirituality prior to granting the certificate. The certificate seeker should contact the Institute office to design a suitable practicum based on the interests of the student and parish or diocesan needs.